

#### **Community Partnership for Families: About Us**



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#### Founded in late 1998 by leaders from

- Neighborhood groups
- Faith Community
- Business Community
- Public and private health agencies
- Social service agencies
- Criminal justice agencies
- City and county government
- Schools

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#### Mission

To promote policies and programs that enable all these groups to work together — in a systematic manner — to build strong and resourceful families and communities in San Joaquin County.

A family-oriented, neighborhood-based system of services, in which:

**✓** Easy access to services is ensured: families only have to go through a single (common) screening & assessment process.

# Multiple points of entry and service delivery are provided:

families don't have to travel from agency to agency or out of their neighborhood for help.







The system provides prevention and early intervention services: families don't have to wait for their problems to grow urgent before they get help.



Families are partners: they're encouraged to be resourceful & independent and they participate in decision-making



Services are comprehensive and integrated: services are tailored to the full range of family strengths & needs.

## A Changed System: What does integration mean?

## **Service Integration:**

Combines different services & supports (e.g., mental health, child welfare, home visiting, and welfare to work)

into a single, comprehensive, & well-coordinated plan,

so services aren't confusing, conflicting, or inconvenient

# A Changed System: How is the system built? The Family Success Team



A "typical family"

The Challenge: A single working mother seeking to regain custody for five (5) children, 18 ms – 11 yrs.

## **Challenges:**

- ✓ Regain eligibility for financial assistance
- ✓ Stabilize housing
- ✓ Reunify family
- ✓ Provide mom with needed supports (mental health, WIC, transportation, etc.)

Family members (uncle, grandfather, mother, father's lawyer) develop plan in partnership with child welfare, the Community Partnership, and other agencies at the neighborhood center.

## Over 8 agencies:

✓ All located in or accessed through the center, participated in delivering services and supports

✓ Charterhouse, Human Services Agency, Child Welfare, WIC, Delta Healthcare, Public Health Services, Mental Health, Consumer Credit Counseling, VITA, Head Start, Family Resource & Referral

## **Keys to success:**

- ✓ Comprehensive assessment
- ✓ That is, getting a complete map of family strengths, needs, resources
- ✓ For example, wouldn't have known mom was eligible for financial assistance, & that "brought along" other services.....

# Getting services in her neighborhood:

- ✓ Overcomes transportation problems
- ✓ Time and trouble involved in getting childcare while mom makes the trip to H.S.A. and Mental Health...
- ✓ All while coping with childcare, school schedules and work obligations